



**EMBASSY OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
FOREIGN BROADCAST INFORMATION SERVICE
ABIDJAN BUREAU**

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4 June 1986

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, FBIS

THRU : Chief, Operations Group

SUBJECT : Monthly Report--Abidjan Bureau--May 1986

I. OPERATIONS

A. Monitorial/Editorial

Violent student demonstrations erupted throughout Nigeria toward the end of an otherwise quiet month in the bureau's coverage area. At least four students were shot dead in clashes with police during demonstrations at Ahmadu Bello University in Zaria near Kaduna on 23 May. The protest was apparently triggered by the expulsion of two students for violating university rules barring males from entering women's dormitories. The shootings brought on sympathy demonstrations in other cities and the closure of more than two dozen schools. BBC External Services came in for strong criticism from the Nigerian Government for claiming that the demonstrations were linked to dissatisfaction with the government's economic policies.

B. Coverage

The bureau resumed weekend evening shifts on 10-11 May. They had been suspended for two weeks during the absence of both bureau editors.

II. ADMINISTRATION

A. Personnel

1. Editor [] wed Bangkok Editor [] on 2 May in [] California hometown. She will be departing Abidjan in two months to join [] in Bangkok.

2. Chief Monitor [] applied for retirement effective 19 December. Prior to working at Abidjan Bureau since its startup in 1979, he had served at the former Kaduna Bureau from 1961 to 1976.

3. Senior Monitor [] was promoted to FBN-11 on 11 May.

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B. Post Activities

1. For the third time this spring, an FBO site selection team that is to determine the location for a new embassy chancery postponed a visit to Abidjan scheduled for 2 June.

2. State Department welcomed a detailed post proposal to phase out its service contract with the embassy employees association covering about 180 support personnel including the FBIS driver and custodial staff and other post employees who service the bureau. In its reply, State said that it intended to see all such service contracts with employee associations terminated by the end of FY-87 and that this policy would apply to all agencies. State appeared to favor replacing the current system with personal service contracts rather than commercial contracts, but advised post to delay any action until general guidance is issued to the field.

III. VISITS

1. Senior Editor [] returned from EVT 9 May and departed with his family 18 May for CONUS R&R.

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2. Editor [] returned 14 May from R&R, which included her wedding in California and honeymoon in Europe.

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3. Engineer [] and his wife [] departed 22 May for CONUS R&R.

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4. Engineer [] arrived 16 May from Headquarters to serve TDY during [] absence.

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5. Associate Editor [] arrived 16 May from London Bureau to serve TDY during [] absence.

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Chief, Abidjan Bureau

Attachment:

Monthly Production Report

cc: Chief, Swaziland Bureau
Deputy Chief, London Bureau
Chief, Abidjan Bureau

Abidjan Bureau Production Report for May 1986

I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	236660
TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	10160
TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH:	1211

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
II. INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE: (minutes or issues per week)	8097.00 min.	26520.00 min.	109.00 issues
III. OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES: (publishable words per month)			

BENIN

Cotonou Domestic Service in French	7450		
Parakou Domestic Service in French	0		
Cotonou EHUZU in French			0

BURKINA

Ouagadougou Domestic Service in French	19620		
Ouagadougou CARREFOUR AFRICAIN in French			0
Ouagadougou SIDWAYA in French			0

CAMEROON

Yaounde Domestic Service in English	1310		
Yaounde Domestic Service in French	2500		
Yaounde CAMEROON TRIBUNE in English			130
Yaounde CAMEROON TRIBUNE in French			0

CAPE VERDE

Praia VOZ DI FOVO in Portuguese			0
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Ndjamena Domestic Service in French	0		
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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
CHAD			
Ndjamena Domestic Service in French	1330		
(Clandestine) Bardai Chadian National Radio in French	580		
CONGO			
Brazzaville Domestic Service in French	0		
Brazzaville BULLETIN QUOTIDIEN in French			0
Brazzaville ETUMBA in French			0
EQUATORIAL GUINEA			
Malabo Domestic Service in Spanish	260		
FRANCE			
Paris AFP in English		21310	
Paris AFP in French		22700	
Paris Diplomatic information Service in french		140	
Paris Diplomatic Information Service IN English		0	
Paris AFRIQUE-ASIE IN French			0
Paris JEUNE AFRIQUE in French			2210
GABON			
Libreville Africa No. 1 in French	7520		
Libreville Domestic Service in French	0		
Libreville L'UNION in French			0
GHANA			
Accra Domestic Service in English	19200		

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Accra GHANAIAAN TIMES in English		0
Accra PEOPLE'S DAILY GRAPHIC in English		0
Accra WEEKLY MIRROR in English		0
Accra DAILY SPECTATOR in English		0

GUINEA		
Conakry Domestic Service in French	4050	
Conakry HOROYA in French		0

GUINEA-BISSAU		
Bissau NO PINTCHA in Portuguese		0

IVORY COAST		
Abidjan Domestic Service in French	3030	
Abidjan Television Service in French	0	
Abidjan INFORMATION in French		0
Abidjan FRATERNITE HEBDO in French		0
Abidjan FRATERNITE MATIN in French		4700
Abidjan IVOIRE DIMANCHE in French		0

LIBERIA		
Monrovia Domestic Service in English	0	
Monrovia Radio ELWA in English	15910	
Monrovia NEW LIBERIAN in English		0

MALI		
Bamako Domestic Service in French	5340	
Bamako L'ESSOR in French		0

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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
MAURITANIA			
Nouakchott Domestic Service in French	3030		
Nouakchott CHAAB in French			0
NIGER			
Niamey Domestic Service in French	4390		
Niamey LE SAHEL in French			0
Niamey SAHEL HEBDO in French			0
NIGERIA			
Lagos International Service in English	0		
Lagos Domestic Service in English	22720		
Kaduna Domestic Service in English	3560		
Lagos NAN in English		29760	
Lagos DAILY TIMES in English			0
Lagos NATIONAL CONCORD in English			0
Lagos THE GUARDIAN in English			0
SENEGAL			
Dakar Domestic Service in French	1430		
DAKAR PANA in English		5240	
Dakar PANA in French		9920	
Dakar LE SOLEIL in French			0
SIERRA LEONE			
Freetown Domestic Service in English	1310		
Freetown DAILY MAIL in English			0

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THE GAMBIA

Banjul GAMBIA NEWS BULLETIN in
English

0

TOGO

Lome Domestic Service in
French

8880

Lome LA NOUVELLE MARCHE in
French

0

ZAIRE

Kinshasa Domestic Service in
French

2470

Kinshasa AZAF in
French

4620

Kinshasa ELIMA in
French

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